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***Art Unit 2151***

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No.: 09/918,032; Filed: July 30, 2001  
For: **Distributed Network Data Storage System and Method**  
Inventors: TORMASOV *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2230.0390001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$990.00 to cover:

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2. Request For Continued Examination;
3. Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.115

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-3523.

Respectfully submitted,

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